

1 **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15**

2 (By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Thompson, and Delegates Doyle, Armstead,
3 Ashley, Barill, Border, Brown, Butcher, D. Campbell, T. Campbell,
4 Canterbury, Caputo, Carmichael, Craig, Ellington, Ennis, Ferns,
5 Ferro, Fleischauer, Frazier, Gearheart, Givens, Guthrie, Hall,
6 Hartman, Hatfield, Hunt, Jones, Kominar, Lawrence, Mahan,
7 Manypenny, Marshall, Martin, Miley, C. Miller, Moore, Morgan,
8 Moye, Nelson, Perdue, Perry, Pethtel, L. Phillips, R. Phillips,
9 Pino, D. Poling, M. Poling, Poore, Reynolds, Sigler, Skaff,
10 Staggers, Storch, Stowers, Swartzmiller, Talbott and Varner)

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12 [Introduced February 2, 2011.]

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14 Designating February 2, 2011 as "Professional Social Work Day".

15 WHEREAS, Social workers are positive change agents who dedicate
16 their careers to helping people transform their lives, or improving
17 environments that make such progress possible; and

18 WHEREAS, Social workers are advocates for access, equality and
19 fairness; and

20 WHEREAS, Social workers improve the fabric of society by caring
21 for those who have been left behind or for those who have lost
22 their voice; and

23 WHEREAS, Social workers help people explore new opportunities
24 in the face of serious life changes and challenges; and

1 WHEREAS, The Social Work profession was established more than
2 100 years ago to help Americans overcome poverty, illness,
3 addiction, abuse, discrimination and other adversities to reach
4 their full potential; and

5 WHEREAS, The Social Work profession works to change systems and
6 customs that limit the ability of vulnerable individuals and groups
7 to lead fulfilling and productive lives; and

8 WHEREAS, Schools of Social Work train socially conscious people
9 to make a real difference in the world through service and
10 leadership; and

11 WHEREAS, Social Workers strengthen communities, expand options,
12 and work to facilitate humane changes in policies and legislation
13 that improve the lives of everyone; and

14 WHEREAS, Every day Social Workers wake up believing they will
15 give an individual, a family, or a community renewed hope in the
16 future; therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the House of Delegates:*

18 That the House of Delegates hereby designates February 2,
19 2011, as "Professional Social Work Day": and, be it

20 *Further Resolved,* That the House of Delegates recognizes the
21 professional social workers and their commitment and dedication to
22 individuals, families, and communities everywhere through service
23 delivery, research, education and advocacy; and, be it

24 *Further Resolved,* That the House of Delegates calls upon all

1 citizens to join with the National Association of Social Workers,
2 West Virginia Chapter in celebration and support of social workers
3 and the social work profession; and, be it

4 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates
5 forward a certified copy of this resolution to the National
6 Association of Social Workers, West Virginia Chapter and all other
7 appropriate organizations.